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### **ALUMNI WITH GREAT FALLS-AREA CONNECTIONS HONORED AT UM SOCIAL**

#### **MISSOULA —**

Two former University of Montana students with connections to the **Great Falls** area were honored Nov. 4 during the Alumni Social of UM's College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences.

Marcie Bough, formerly of **Highwood**, received the college's Rising Star Alumni Award. Randy Kuiper of Great Falls took home the Professional and Community Service Alumni Achievement Award.

Bough earned her doctor of pharmacy degree from UM in 2004 and now works as senior manager of practice development and research for the American Pharmacists Association. The Rising Star Alumni Award is presented to younger alumni who already have made a significant impact within the pharmacy profession.

Before enrolling at UM, Bough earned a biomedical science degree from Montana State University. She also was a legislative assistant for the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs for more than two years.

As a student, she was active in the Academy of Students of Pharmacy -- the UM chapter of the national professional association of pharmacists -- as well as a class representative to the Dean's Student Advisory Committee. She also served on the college's professionalism committee and as a student board member to the Montana Pharmacy

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Association. In addition, she has given many professional presentations and is the author of three publications.

Kuiper, a Great Falls pharmacist, has earned two degrees from UM's pharmacy school -- his undergraduate in 1981 and his doctor of pharmacy degree in 2000. He earned the Professional and Community Service Alumni Achievement Award for having an established professional record, contributing to the pharmacy profession, volunteering for community service and supporting the pharmacy school since graduation.

Among his many accomplishments, Kuiper is a board certified pharmacotherapy specialist. He also is on the board of Pharmaceutical Specialties and is a member of the American Pharmacists Association.

In addition, he is the clinical pharmacy coordinator for Benefits Health Care of Great Falls and past chair of the Montana Pharmacists Association board. He also is a clinical assistant professor in UM's Skaggs School of Pharmacy.

UM's College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences presents its alumni awards to honor distinguished accomplishments and instill in current students and younger alumni the value of contributing early and often as pharmacy professionals.

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